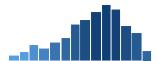


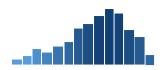
Hispanic Immigrants and Citizens in Virginia

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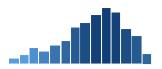
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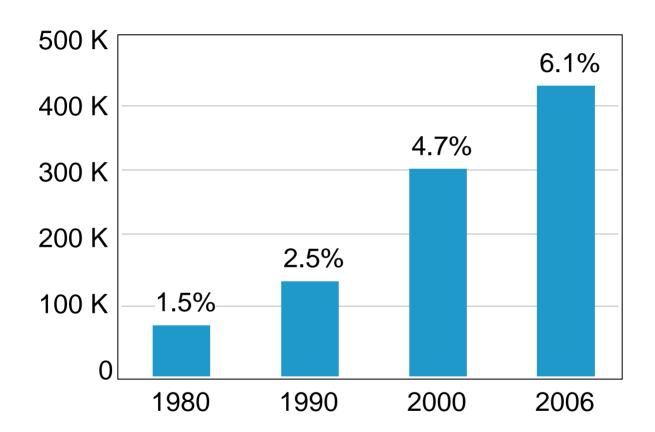
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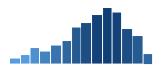
- Virginia's Hispanic population tripled between 1990 and 2006.
- Hispanics account for 6 percent of Virginia's population, compared to 15 percent nationwide.
- Hispanic population concentrate on three major metropolitan areas and part of the rural areas.



Hispanics Growth and Share

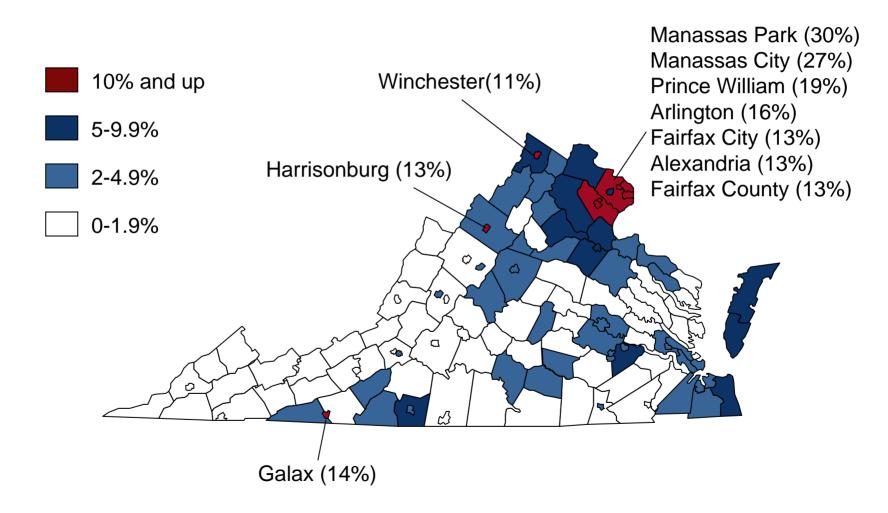
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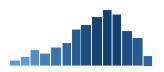




Local Hispanic Population

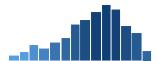
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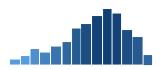


Terms Used in This Study

- "Hispanic citizens" are defined as U.S. born citizens and naturalized citizens.
- "Hispanic immigrants" are defined as noncitizens, residing here with or without valid documentation.

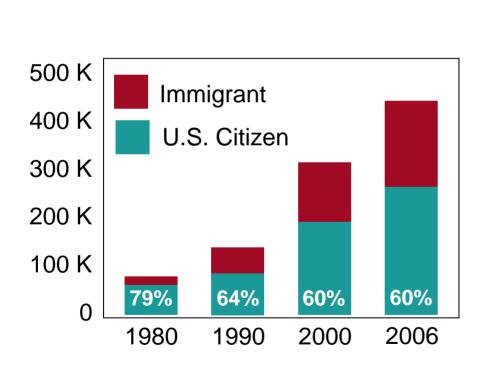


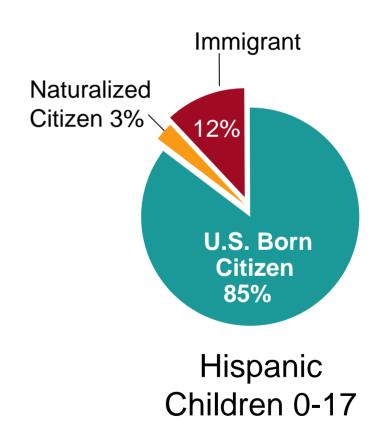
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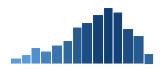


Hispanics by Citizenship

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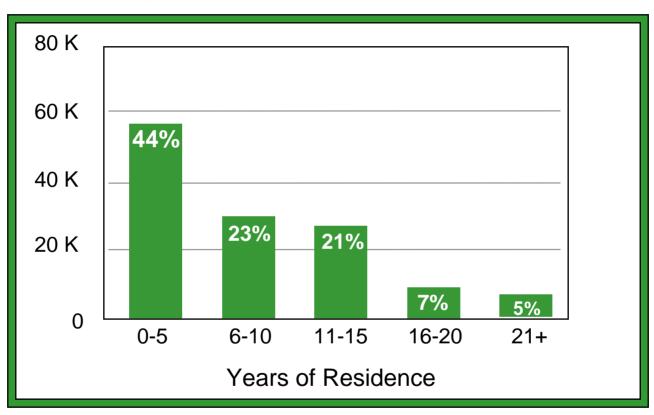




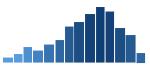


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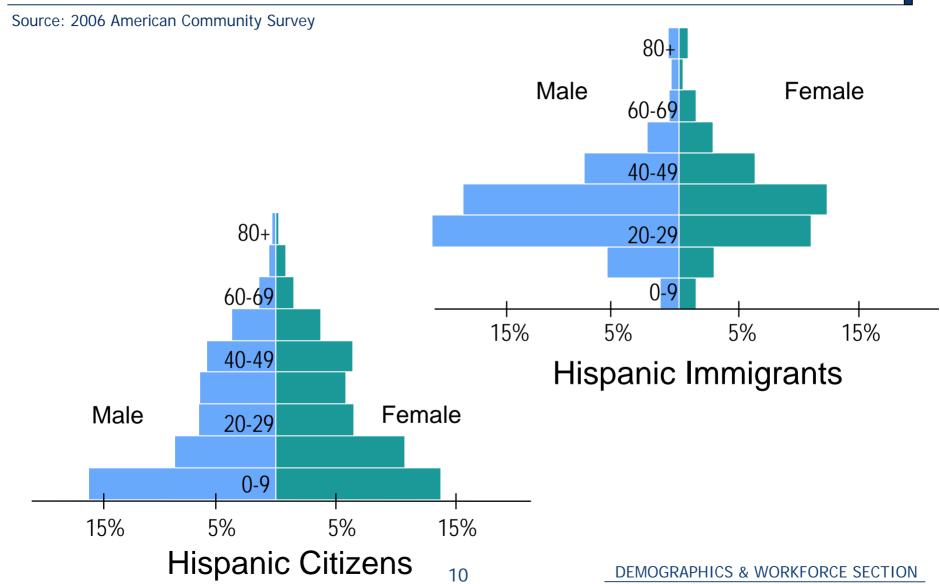
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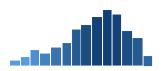


Most Hispanic immigrants arrived in the U.S. within the last 15 years.



Age Structure

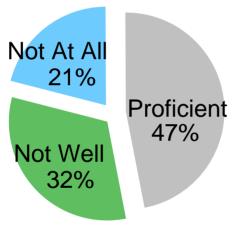


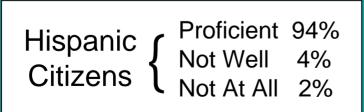


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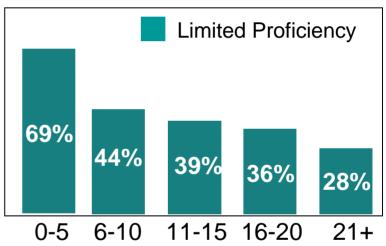
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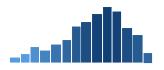




Does English Proficiency Improve Over Time?

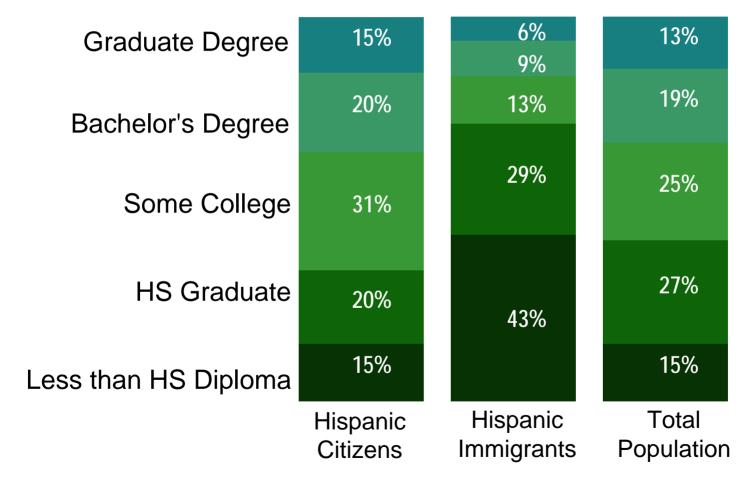


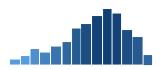
Years Living in the U.S.



Educational Attainment

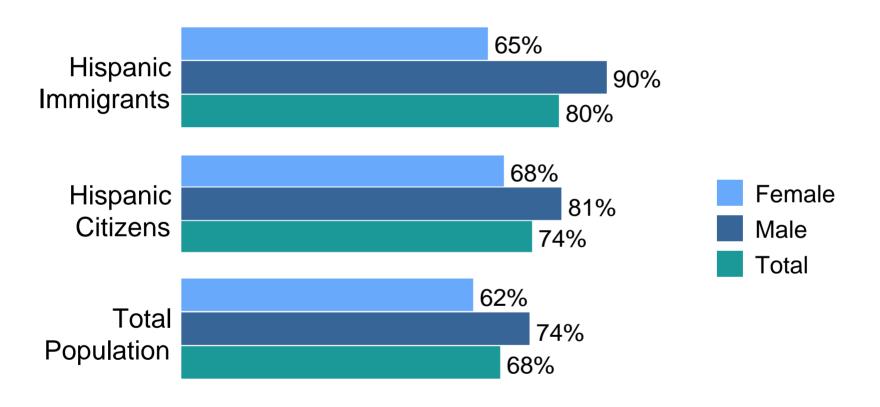
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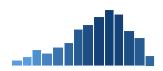


Labor Force Participation

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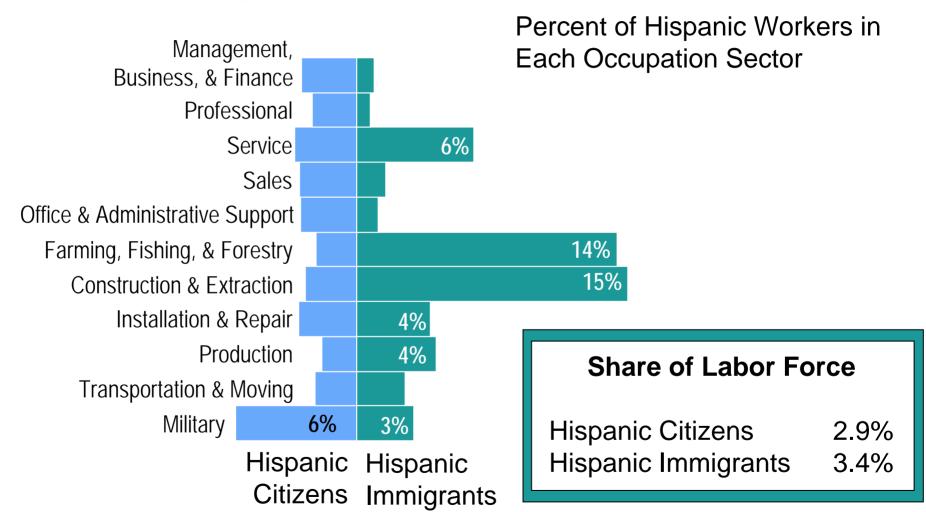


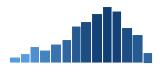
Percent in the Labor Force



Occupations



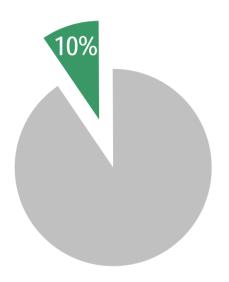




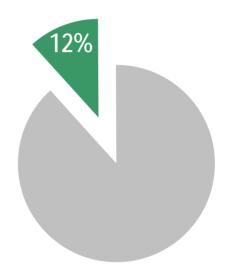
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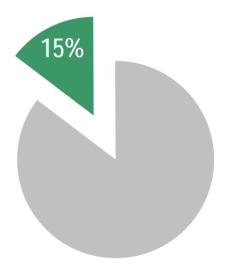
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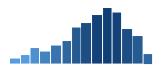
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Hispanic Citizens



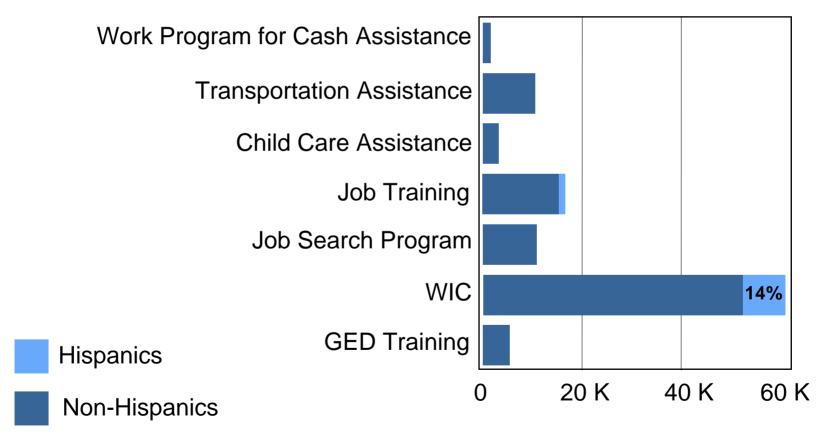
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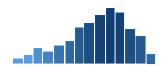


Welfare

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Welfare Recipients

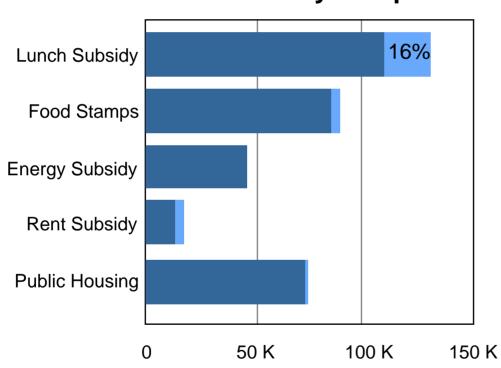




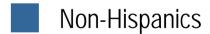
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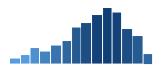
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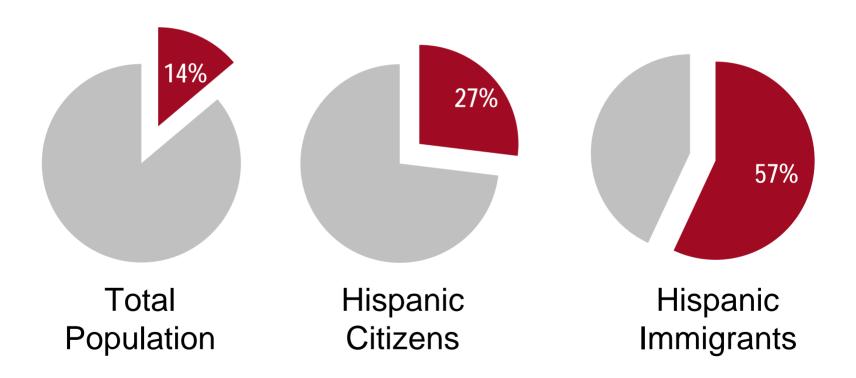


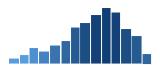


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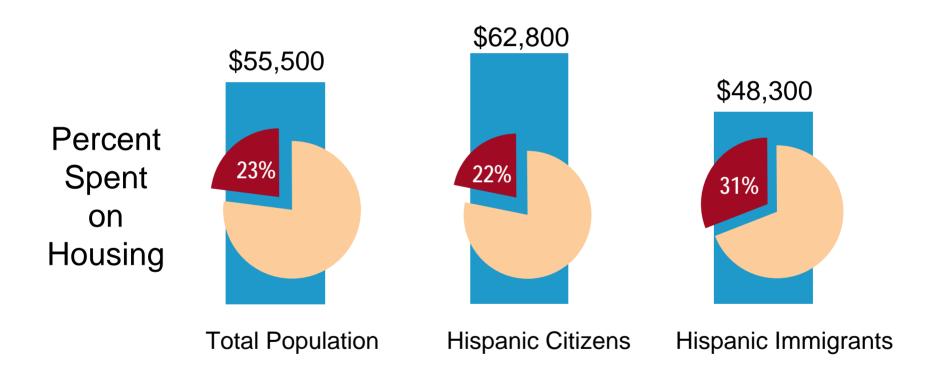
Percent Without Health Insurance In 2006



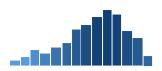


Income & Housing

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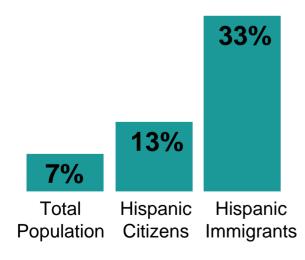
Median Household Income



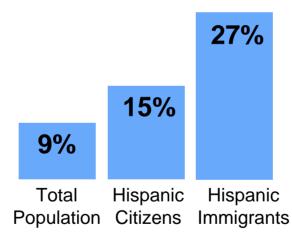
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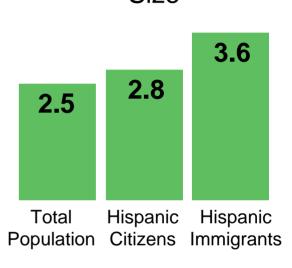
Households with More than 1.5 Persons per Bedroom

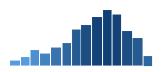


Percent of Households that Include Unrelated Person(s)



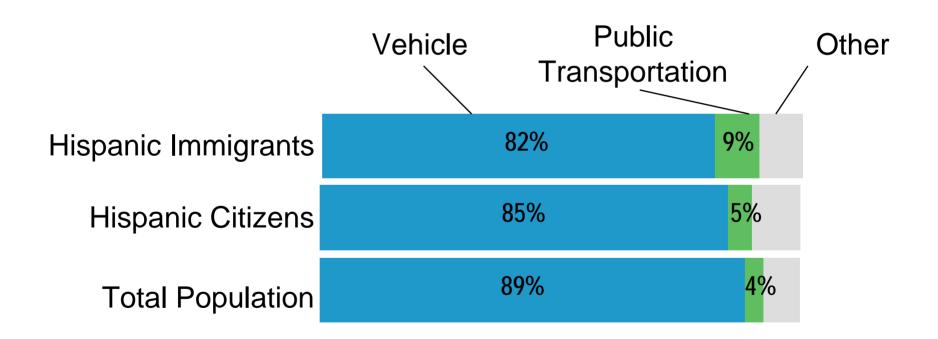
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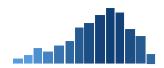




Transportation to Work

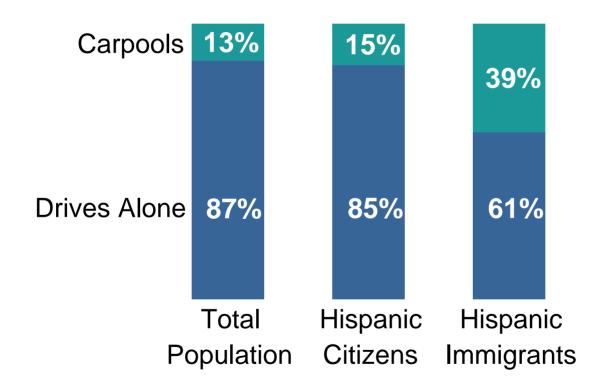
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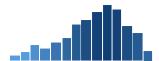




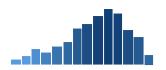
Carpooling

Source: 2006 American Community Survey





Summary



Hispanic Immigrants

- 40 percent of Hispanics in Virginia are immigrants, including both authorized and unauthorized; the remaining 60 percent are U.S. citizens.
- Hispanic immigrants are less educated, poorer, more likely to lack health insurance, and live in larger households than the overall population.
- Despite their lower income levels, Hispanic immigrants and their children receive little welfare other than WIC and school lunch subsidies.

Hispanic Citizens

• Hispanic citizens speak English well and adults are slightly better educated than the overall Virginia population.

• Households headed by Hispanic citizens have higher household income than Virginia's households overall.

• Hispanic citizens have similar occupation distribution to the overall population and are over-represented in Virginia's military.